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"New Assignment"

This Privileged Hour...

by Father King

It seems like eons ago that I recall writing an article under this title "Privileged Hour," in which I reflected my feelings that when I turned off the I-94 Expressway into Ypsilanti that I felt I was coming home. My sentiments since that writing have not changed; on the contrary, they have grown a hundredfold. So now, it is not merely a change of assignment -- it is a leaving home that constitutes the greatest source of anguish. No, there is another element that makes it even more painful, and that is that the decision to make this move was the result of my own decision.

I am sure that anyone familiar with the life of a priest or sister realizes that in this vocation particularly it is required to periodically assess one's response to the demands of God's will; and this is very difficult because not only is that Will sometimes very difficult to discern, but it more often than not involves elements that are unpleasant and quite repulsive, even, at times.

It was in the midst of this kind of soul-searching that the news of the death of Fr. Joseph Whelan, pastor of St. Paul's in Owosso, was announced. On February 7, 1973, the customary open application form was sent to all priests of the Diocese of Lansing.

On February 10th I wrote what, I am sure, is the shortest but most difficult letter I have ever written. It stated simply...

"Dear Father Martin:

This is to advise you that I would like to be considered for the pastorage of St. Paul, Owosso, if the Commission and Bishop feel that I might meet the pastoral needs there."

Fraternally in Christ,

Now the matter could be left to the direction of the Spirit through the deliberations of those committed with the responsibility of making assignments.

I have been given to understand that the unusual delay in making the decision on the part of the Diocese was not my move to Owosso but concern about the person who would be assigned here. This part of the decision, at this moment, is still not resolved, but I am sure it will be very soon.

When I went to Lansing last Wednesday on other parish business, I was asked to sit in on the discussion with Bishop Zaleski, Father Martin, the Personnel Chairman, and Father Murray, the Chancellor. The fact that Owosso has been kept in a very uncertain and suspenseful state for so long, with much pressure being placed on the associate there, Father Miller, led us to the decision that the assignment should be finalized and make effective immediately. After some reflection, I concurred with a realization that the pain of separation would be much less severe if accomplished quickly.

My mind is much too cluttered with diverse feelings to bring the memories, the dreams, the hopes and disappointments into one composed image. But the feeling that comes into focus most clearly is the feeling one has when one is called to leave home. My brother priests, especially the unique and very special David; my sisters, Mary, Anne, Sheila, Carol Denise, and Theresa, who have all made the word 'team' most inadequate to express the kind of relationship that makes parish life such as ours so vital. And the many, many wonderful people, whose sorrows and joys, burdens and celebrations, we have been privileged to share as well as exchange. A family to be sure -- replete with its problems and its squabbles, its agreements and disagreements, its love and, at times, its hate. But through it all, a growth, a movement towards a fuller realization of the presence of the Spirit within ourselves and our community.

Much, I feel, has been accomplished; so much more remains to be done. There is much room for more healing, more reconciliation, but this must be left for another. For this one, the words of the song we sing often in church come to mind ...

"Man is lonely by birth,
Man is only a pilgrim on earth;
Born to be king, time is but a temporary thing
Only on loan while on earth.
Man is grass on the lawn; he will pass by the way and be gone
A lesson to learn, we walk but once, there's no return
Time is always moving on."

And so the minutes of time keep ticking away, but the minutes here have been many seconds of a very privileged hour.

VICARIATE MEETING HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

The Washtenaw Area Vicariate will meet at St. John Hall in the basement of the church at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow evening, Monday, April 2. We want to extend a special invitation to all of our older citizens and parishioners, because the purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the needs of our older people and the ways that these needs are, or are not, being met. We will appreciate the presence and participation of all concerned parishioners.

A sizable portion of the monies collected in the forthcoming Diocesan Service Appeal (formerly DDF) will be

used for meeting the needs of our senior citizens and the diocese has indicated a desire to get feedback from the areas as to what these needs are and how they are being met.

The agenda of the meeting is as follows:

7:30 Coffee and informal get-together
8:00 Approval of minutes
Reports
8:20 Introduction of program and guest speakers
Mr. Frank Macknick
Dr. Natalie Tragger
Mrs. Amy Seymour
9:10 Coffee break and group discussion in areas of
Housing Needs
Transportation
Other: Financial, Health, etc.
9:45 Reports of groups
10:15 Meeting concludes

Join The Ranks Of America's Good Samaritans

This Sunday, the annual collection in support of CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - USCC will be taken up in the parishes of this diocese at all the Masses. This Catholic Overseas Relief and Development Agency has made an enviable record for itself. It has been where the need existed, when the need existed, time after time. CRS's low cost, high impact program has become known to millions of Americans across the land because of its fine disaster work which has earned it over the past years the title of "America's Good Samaritan."

The collection involved not only supplies the basic funds for CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - USCC, but also enables the operation of the Migration and Refugee Section of the USCC, a substantial gift to the Holy Father for the papal charities, as well as a small stipend to the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea for the maintenance of seven of its thirteen Seamen's Clubs.

In Managua, Nicaragua's hour of need, CRS was there. As the only American voluntary agency operating in Nicaragua at the time, it not only furnished the original foods for distribution to the earthquake sufferers, but, in the weeks that followed, furnished the overwhelmingly greater part of all foodstuffs available for the relief of the stricken. You made this possible by your contributions to this appeal last year. Please be as generous as you can once again.

PARISH NUPTIALS

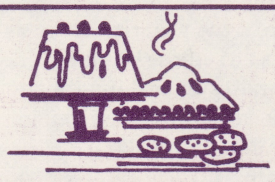
BRANHAM – TRUHN

Kennith Branham and Cynthia Truhn exchanged their wedding vows last Saturday evening, March 24, in our church. Father Harvey witnessed the vows on behalf of the community along with Jon Brakke and Deborah Truhn, both of Ypsilanti.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wessie Branham of 1175 Hawthorne St. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Truhn of 715 Charles St.

Sister Mary O'Connell was soloist accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz.

We extend our prayers for happiness of this newly-married couple.



LADIES

Don't forget that NEXT SUNDAY we have our April bake sale. Please mark your calendars now so that there will be delicious baked goods after all the Masses.

APRIL
SECOND SUNDAY
PARISH DINNER
held Sunday, April 8th
12:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Parish Hall - $2.00
under 12 - $1.00

PLAN ON COMING AND BEING WITH FRIENDS.
(Cornish Hens - part of the menu.)

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, April 1
9:00 a.m. - Pre-School Classes, Parish Center
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Masses: Baby sitting Services, Rm. 5, Parish Center
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Masses: Coffee & Doughnuts, Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. - Sr. High Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

MONDAY, April 2
4:30 p.m. - Girls' Junior Troop 364 meets in Parish Center Lunchroom
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, High School Gym
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Jr. High Religious Education Classes, Parish Center
8:00 p.m. - Vicariate Meeting, Parish Hall

TUESDAY, April 3
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Project Transition meets in Parish Center Lunchroom
8:00 p.m. - Parish Council Executive Meeting, Dr. Nau's home
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center
7:30 p.m. - Convert Classes, Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, April 4
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Elementary Religious Education Program B
6:30 p.m. - Potluck Supper, Parish Hall - Bring a dish to pass and table service
7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center
8:00 p.m. - Lenten Series, Parish Center Library

FRIDAY, April 6
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and Benediction

SATURDAY, April 7
PAPER DRIVE BEGINS
10:30 a.m. - Youth Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

– SPECIAL HAPPENINGS –

RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

• The Washtenaw County Right to Life Group will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday night, April 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the Geneva Smith Library at St. Francis Church in Ann Arbor. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Carole M. Gallas

LEADERS DISCUSS ALCOHOLISM – CHANNEL 2

• "WITH THIS RING," shown each week on Channel 2, deals with subjects that are "for and about the family." A leading problem in many American families is that of Alcoholism, so the current telecasts have been of particular interest.

On Sunday, April 1, the special guest will be Mr. Pat Greathouse, vice-president of the International United Automobile Workers. He will outline the latest moves of labor and of industry in the field of Alcoholism.

Beginning April 15, "WITH THIS RING" will consider another important health question, "The Family and the Mentally Ill."

"WITH THIS RING" is shown on WJBK-TV, Channel 2, at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

• A retreat is being organized for the high school students. It will be held on May 18, 19, 20. If you want to participate, please register by Sunday, April 1. Further plans will depend on your interest.

PASCHAL DINNER

• The Paschal Dinner will be held April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold by the ushers after all the Masses on Sundays or by Mary Wheeler during the Potluck Dinners held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The tickets are $2.00 per person. Children age 12 and under at $.75. The Worship Commission is working on a new program for this year's dinner.

K. OF C. CELEBRATION

• The K. of C. members and their wives will have a special Mass celebrated at St. John's on April 7th, at 5:00 p.m. to be followed by supper at the K. of C. Hall on Michigan Avenue. Members and wives: please sit in the reserved area in the front sections of the church.

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ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of April 1, 1973

WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 a.m.
SATURDAY MORNING MASS - 9:00 a.m.
TEAM 1 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicirelli
TEAM 2 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Tim Motto and John Baxter
SATURDAY, April 7, 1973
5:00 p.m. - John and Jim Price
SUNDAY, April 8, 1973
7:00 a.m. - Ron and Jim Eberts
9:00 a.m. - Mike Presensky and Greg Gillman
11:00 a.m. - Tom Weishaar and Larry Dupuis
12:30 p.m. - SPECIAL SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, April 6, 1973 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30 p.m. - Kevin and Mark Coutois and Frank Williams
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS for April
Kevin and Mark Courtois
Mike and Frank Williams
Bill Wagner and Danny Gefre
Tom Weishaar and Larry Dupuis

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, April 2, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Clarence Smarch, req. by Joseph Rauch, Jr.
2:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Frentner, req. by Sharon Frentner (Parkview Nursing Home)
TUESDAY, April 3, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Frank Panek, 23rd Anniv., req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
WEDNESDAY, April 4, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by the Joe Nanry Family
8:30 a.m. - R. Duane Williams, req. by The Family
THURSDAY, April 5, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Catherine Dignan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Blaha
FRIDAY, April 6, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Joseph Pinczewski, req. by Robert & Emily Mentley
SATURDAY, April 7, 1973 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. - Frank Starwas, Sr., req. by Miss Rose Berklich
5:00 p.m. - Deceased of August Binder Family, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelley
SUNDAY, April 8, 1973
7:00 a.m. - Myrtle Starwas, req. by Lynda Jositas
9:00 a.m. - Paul Stachlewitz, req. by Marie Stachlewitz
11:00 a.m. - Charles Cotter, req. by Father Harvey
12:30 p.m. - Confirmation Mass

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

April 8, 1973
9:00 a.m. - Robyn & Rene Ouellette
11:00 a.m. - Debbie Gillman & Lynne Mentley

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 7, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . Ted Birdsall
SUNDAY, April 8, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Dick Wagner
9:00 a.m. . . . . Gene Butman
11:00 a.m. . . . . Don Racine
2:30 p.m. . . . . Special Schedule

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 7, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . James Baker
SUNDAY, April 8, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Lee Sanford
9:00 a.m. . . . . Dick Kuhl
11:00 a.m. . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek
12:30 p.m. . . . . Special Schedule

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, April 7, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . Richard Wagner
SUNDAY, April 8, 1973
9:00 a.m. . . . . Dick Kuhl
11:00 a.m. . . . . Gene Butman
12:30 p.m. . . . . Sister Carol Denise

IN PREPARATION
For Sunday, APRIL 8th
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1 - Book of Jeremiah, prophet (31:31-34)
Reading II - Letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9)
Gospel: According to John (12:20-23)

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
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HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday thorugh Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday
BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.
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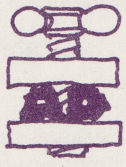

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